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Cheshier & Fuller, L.L.P.			
(Name – if	individual, state last, first, middl	e name)	

*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See section 240.17a-5(e)(2).

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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I,	Charles Cl	ludius	, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of
my l	knowledge a	and belief the accompanying financial state	ement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of
-	nett Ross, 1	- · · · · ·	, as of
	ch 31	, 2003, are true and correct	. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor
-		-	ny proprietary interest in any account classified solely as
that	of a custom	er, except as follows:	
		SANDY ADAMS	Signature
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	X (d)	Statement of Cash Flows Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or p	outnors? or Sala Branviator?s Canital
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	\overline{X} (g)	Computation of Net Capital.	
	X (h)	Computation for Determination of Reserve Require	
	X (i)	Information Relating to the Possession or control R	
		Computation for Determination of the Reserve Req	tion, of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the nuirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
	(k)	A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudi	ited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of con-
		solidation. An Oath or Affirmation.	
		A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.	
	(n)	A report describing any material inadequacies foun	d to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.
	X (o)	Independent auditor's report on internal control	

^{**}For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

BENNETT ROSS, INC.

REPORT PURSUANT TO RULE 17a-5(d)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

MARCH 31, 2003

BENNETT ROSS, INC.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors Bennett Ross, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Bennett Ross, Inc., as of March 31, 2003, and the related statements of income, changes in stockholder's equity, changes in liabilities subordinated to claims of general creditors, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U. S. generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Bennett Ross, Inc., as of March 31, 2003, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with U. S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in the Schedules I and II is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by rule 17a-5 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

CHESHIER & FULLER, L

Dallas, Texas April 30, 2003

BENNETT ROSS, INC. Statement of Financial Condition March 31, 2003

ASSETS

Cash	\$	4,993
Certificate of deposit		10,616
Commissions receivable		14,410
Accounts receivable		1,175
Securities owned, at market value		3,300
Property and equipment, at cost, less		
accumulated depreciation of \$17,937		3,420
Other assets	_	12
	<u>\$</u>	37,926

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

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Accounts payable and accrued expenses Commissions payable	\$ 62 12,773
	12,835
Stockholder's equity Common stock, 1,000 shares authorized, \$1 par value, 10 shares issued and outstanding	10
Additional paid-in capital	14,490
Retained earnings	10,591
Total stockholder's equity	25,091

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

\$ 37,926

BENNETT ROSS, INC. Statement of Income For the Year Ended March 31, 2003

Revenues	
Commission income	\$ 241,296
Other income	2,745
Interest income	<u>155</u>
	244,196
Expenses	
Compensation and benefits	22,965
Commissions and clearance paid other brokers	189,295
Communications	752
Occupancy and equipment costs	10,427
Regulatory fees and expenses	11,547
Interest expense	217
Other expenses	14,991
	_250,194
Loss before income tax (expense) benefit	(5,998)
Income tax (expense) benefit	843
Net loss	<u>\$ (5,155)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

BENNETT ROSS, INC. Statement of Changes in Stockholder's Equity For the Year Ended March 31, 2003

	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in <u>Capital</u>	Retained Earnings	Total
Balances at April 1, 2002	\$ 10	\$ 14,490	\$ 15,746	\$ 30,246
Net loss			(5,155)	(5,155)
Balances at March 31, 2003	<u>\$ 10</u>	<u>\$ 14,490</u>	<u>\$ 10,591</u>	\$ 25,091

BENNETT ROSS, INC.

Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of General Creditors For the Year Ended March 31, 2003

Balance at April 1, 2002	\$ -0-
Increases	-0-
Decreases	0-
Balance at March 31, 2003	\$0-

BENNETT ROSS, INC. Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended March 31, 2003

Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net loss	\$	(5,155)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash		
provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation		9,799
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Decrease in commissions receivable		910
Decrease in accounts receivable		1,356
Decrease in other assets		1,219
Decrease in accounts payable and accrued expenses		(18,041)
Increase in commissions payable		837
Decrease in federal income taxes payable		(1,170)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	_	(10,245)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Increase in certificate of deposit		(174)
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities		(174)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Decrease in note payable		(5,204)
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities	_	(5,204)
Net decrease in cash		(15,623)
Cash at beginning of period	_	20,616
Cash at end of period	<u>\$</u>	4,993
Supplemental Disclosures		
Cash paid for:		
Income taxes	<u>\$</u>	327
Interest	<u>\$</u>	<u>217</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

BENNETT ROSS, INC. Notes to Financial Statements March 31, 2003

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Bennett Ross, Inc. (the "Company") is a direct-participation broker-dealer in securities registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under (SEC) Rule 15c3-3(k)(2)(i). The Company is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD). The Company is a Texas corporation with customers located throughout the United States.

Property and equipment are stated at cost. Depreciation is computed using an accelerated method over an estimated useful life of five years. Depreciation expense for the year ended March 31, 2003 was \$9,799 and is reflected in occupancy and equipment costs.

Compensated absences have not been accrued because the amount cannot be reasonably estimated.

Income taxes are provided for the tax effects of transactions reported in the financial statements and consist of taxes currently due. The provision for federal income taxes differs from the expected amount using statutory rates because certain expenses included in the determination of net income are non-deductible for tax reporting purposes.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U. S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 2 - <u>Net Capital Requirements</u>

Pursuant to the net capital provisions of Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company is required to maintain a minimum net capital, as defined under such provisions. Net capital and the related net capital ratio may fluctuate on a daily basis.

At March 31, 2003, the Company had net capital of approximately \$15,547 and net capital requirements of \$5,000. The Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was .83 to 1. The Securities and Exchange Commission permits a ratio of no greater than 15 to 1.

BENNETT ROSS, INC. Notes to Financial Statements March 31, 2003

Note 3 - Possession or Control Requirements

The Company holds no customer funds or securities. There were no material inadequacies in the procedures followed in adhering to the exemptive provisions of (S.E.C.) Rule 15c3-3(k)(2)(i).

Note 5 - <u>Related Party Transactions/Economic Dependency</u>

The Company is provided for office space and various general and administrative services from Weber Energy Corporation ("Weber"), an affiliate company. The Company was reimbursed \$-0- from Weber during the year ended March 31, 2003.

The Company and Weber are under common control and the existence of that control creates operating results and a financial position significantly different than if the companies were autonomous.

The Company earns commissions from the sale of private securities for a related party. During the year ended March 31, 2003, the Company earned \$187,416 from the sale of these securities.

Note 6 - Concentration of Risks

The Company develops and implements financing for the sale of oil and gas partnership interests. These partnerships require specialized investment banking and advisory services through the private placement of securities.

Supplemental Information

Pursuant to Rule 17a-5

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

as of

March 31, 2003

Schedule I

BENNETT ROSS, INC. Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities and Exchange Commission As of March 31, 2003

COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL

Total stockholder's equity qualified for net capital		\$ 25,091
Add: Other deductions or allowable credits		
Total capital and allowable subordinated liabilities		25,091
Deductions and/or charges – Non-allowable assets Commissions receivable Accounts receivable Property and equipment Other assets	\$ 1,637 1,175 3,420 12	<u>(6,244</u>)
Net capital before haircuts on securities positions		18,847
Haircuts on securities (computed, where applicable, pursuant to rule 15c3-1(f)) Other securities Net capital		(3,300) \$15,547
AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS		
Items included in statement of financial condition Accounts payable and accrued expenses Commissions payable		\$ 62
Total aggregate indebtedness		<u>\$ 12,835</u>

Schedule I (continued)

BENNETT ROSS, INC. Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities and Exchange Commission As of March 31, 2003

COMPUTATION OF BASIC NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT

Minimum net capital required (6 2/3% of total aggregate indebtedness)	<u>\$ 856</u>
Minimum dollar net capital requirement of reporting broker or dealer	\$_5,000
Net capital requirement (greater of above two minimum requirement amounts)	\$ 5,000
Net capital in excess of required minimum	\$ 10,547
Excess net capital at 1000%	<u>\$ 14,264</u>
Ratio: Aggregate indebtedness to net capital	83 to 1

RECONCILIATION WITH COMPANY'S COMPUTATION

The differences in the computation of net capital under Rule 15c3-1 from the Company's computation is as follows.

Net capital per Company's (unaudited)	
Focus report	\$ 14,476
Audit adjustment to reduce Federal income taxes payable	1,071
Net capital per audited report	<u>\$ 15,547</u>

Schedule II

BENNETT ROSS, INC. Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission As of March 31, 2003

EXEMPTIVE PROVISIONS

The Company has claimed an exemption from Rule 15c3-3 under section (k)(2)(i), in which the Company is a direct-participation broker-dealer.

Independent Auditor's Report

On Internal Control

Required By SEC Rule 17a-5

For the Year Ended

March 31, 2003



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17a-5

The Board of Directors Bennett Ross, Inc.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental information of Bennett Ross, Inc., (the "Company"), for the year ended March 31, 2003, we considered its internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

Also, as required by rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company including tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

- 1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons
- 2. Recordation of differences required by rule 17a-13
- 3. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives.

Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with U. S. generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, errors or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at March 31, 2003, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, the SEC, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., and other regulatory agencies that rely on rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

CHESHIER & FULLER, L.L.P.

Dallas, Texas April 30, 2003